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Governor Harry D. Early
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Dear Committee Member:

This letter summarizes the October 19, 1982, meeting of the Jackpile-Paguete Technical Committee.

Attending the meeting were the following:

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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Philip Gaco
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Marc E. Nelson
Bill Allan

Interpreter, Pueblo of Laguna
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The following is a discussion of the two issues addressed at the meeting:

Plant Species Selection:

This issue has been resolved. The Pueblo concurs with the seed mixture, seeding procedures and equipment, and the seed bed preparation procedures discussed in Anaconda's proposed plan and letter dated October 18, 1982.



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Disposition of the Rail Spur:

The MMS stated that ownership of the rail spur could be transferred from Anaconda to the Pueblo in an agreement signed by the Pueblo, Anaconda, and the BIA, and concurred in by the MMS. The agreement could contain language that would protect Anaconda from any future liability, and could state that Anaconda makes no claims as to the safety or usefulness of the spur. However, the MMS stated that the spur could not be turned over to the Pueblo with any known hazards such as the Quirk Loading Dock or radiological hot spots created by previous use of the spur.

Anaconda stated that they would determine if any agreements exist between Anaconda and the Santa Fe Railroad that would affect the transfer of ownership of the spur.

The Committee agreed to meet again on November 2, 1982, at 9:00 a.m. in the 8th Floor Conference Room of the Western Bank Building. The following issues will be discussed at this meeting:

1. Disposition of the rail spur.
2. Waste pile sloping.
3. Disposition of the North Paguate Pit.
4. Disposition of the South Paguate Pit.
5. Environmental monitoring.
6. Grazing management.
7. Disposition of mine buildings.

The Pueblo expressed the desire to complete these negotiations by January 1, 1983. The Committee agreed to begin meeting every two weeks, and to assure that a full day is allotted for each meeting in order to meet the January 1, 1983, deadline.

Anaconda requested that they be informed of all of the issues that the Committee presently plans to address. The Committee agreed that this letter would contain a list of these issues. This list is attached.

If any committee member disagrees with any portion of this summary, he should contact me immediately.

Sincerely yours,



Marc E. Nelson
Committee Chairman

Enclosure